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RUSSIANS CHECK GERMANS IN THEIR ADVANCE FROM KOLKI

RUSSIANS IMPROVING THEIR POSITIONS ALONG THE KOVEL RAILROAD, INDICATING THEY ARE CONCENTRATING TO TAKE KOVEL.

Much Activity is Reported on Left Bank of the Styr River, Which the Austrians Are Storming—Russians Have Captured Heights of Czernowitz, which May Lead to the Evacuation of that City by the Austrians—St. John Simon, Secretary of State for British Home Office, Has Resigned, Due Probably to his Views Against Conscription—Lord Derby's Recruiting Plan Between October Third and December Fifteenth Netted Million Hundred Fifty Thousand Single Men, and Million Six Hundred Seventy-nine Married Men for Service in the British Armies—Italy Commanders Twenty-Seven Vessels which have been Flying Between New Orleans and Italian Ports.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The Russians have checked the German advance from Kolki and are improving their positions along the Kovel railroad. This indicates that the Russians are concentrating to take Kovel, an important communication point between the Austrians and the Germans, according to military critics.

There is great activity on the left bank of the Styr river which the Austrians are storming.

The Russians have captured the heights of Czernowitz, which may lead to the evacuation of that city by the Austrians. This is the most important fighting reported today from all the theatres.

Recruiting Plan Success.

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Derby's recruiting plan between October 23 and December 15, netted 1,150,000 single men and 1,679,000 married men for the British military service.

Sir John Simon Resigns.

London, Jan. 4.—It was announced in the house of commons today that Sir John Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, has resigned. His position is against conscription, according to the general impression.

Commanders Many Ships.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 4.—Advices to shipping interests here announce that the Italian government had commandeered for transport purposes twenty-seven steamships of the Pearce-Cottoneira and Creole lines, which maintain regular sailings between Italy, New Orleans, Galveston and other gulf ports.

Artillery Battle in Vosges.

London, Jan. 4.—Great artillery activity is reported in the Vosges near Hartmann Wellerkopf, which is the only fighting today reported in the western section. Paris reports the failure of the German grenade attack at West Taur.

THREE TRAINMEN INJURED

Santa Fe Motor Engine Exploded at Lampasas, Texas, Yesterday.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 4.—Three trainmen who were injured when a Santa Fe engine's boiler exploded yesterday at Lampasas, were brought here today.

Mr. Bryan's protestations of friendship for President Wilson do not temper Mr. Bryan's avers.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Jan. 4.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is unsettled, with probably rain.

Local Weather Data.

Highest temperature yesterday	66
Lowest temperature	55
Last night	55
Highest temperature year ago this date	51
Lowest temperature year ago this date	46

COMMISSION- ER WANTS TAX ON AUTOS

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STATES THAT HE WANTS MONEY COUNTY IS ENTITLED TO.

"I am going to insist on the refunding to Carter county its share of the automobile tax of 1915," said J. R. Tallafiero, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, "and also insist on the payment of the one-fourth of one mill which Carter county is entitled to from the state treasury. The new license is due and payable, but so far we have not received a cent. We need the money now, and some effectual work could be done on the roads if we had it. It means several thousand dollars to Carter county, and the state treasurer has no right to board that money up. If it takes legal steps to get it, then the steps will be taken. I shall take the matter up with the county attorney at once, and you can say that if there is any way in the world in which we can get this road money which belongs to us, we are going to get it."

Nearly ten thousand dollars will be collected from Carter county on the state auto tax this month if all owners secure tags, as provided by law. Half this amount was collected last year, and ninety per cent of the entire total, or roughly speaking at least eight thousand dollars, should be returned to the county treasurer for expenditure on the roads of the county.

ANSWERS THE LAST BUGLE CALL ON EARTH

GENERAL DODGE, ONE OF THE HISTORY-MAKERS OF THE CIVIL WAR, PASSES AWAY IN COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. 4.—General Greenville Mellen Dodge died here last night.

Two notable services to his country assure Major General Greenville Mellen Dodge a place among the history-makers of the Civil War and reconstruction periods.

As a soldier, his valor is attested by the fact that four horses were shot from under him in the battle of Pea Ridge, and that he himself received wounds in several battles.

As a pioneer in western railroad building, he has the Union Pacific railroad, whose line he located and whose construction he superintended.

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CAN STILL HANDLE THE ACCORDEON

COLONEL SUGGS SERENADES EMPLOYEES OF ARDMOREITE OFFICE THIS MORNING AND PUTS THEIR FEET TO TINGLING.

After reading the prophecy in today's paper relative to the end of the great war now in progress in Europe, and catching the optimistic spirit conveyed by the same, Colonel Sidney Suggs took a firm hold on his faithful old accordion this morning, commanded every wheel in the printing establishment to stop, and gave the employees a musical treat, beginning with "Tipperary" and "Jordan (a Hard Road to Travel)," and ending with "There's a Great Day Coming," with a zeal and gusto that was inspiring to everyone connected with the plant, from the superintendent to the devil himself.

The newspaper fraternity over the state are well aware of the Colonel's musical talent, although it has not been put to frequent use lately, and they will be delighted to learn that he is still in practice and capable of appearing in public on any occasion that is demanded.

Colonel Suggs left today for northern Oklahoma on a business trip which will keep him away from the city for several days.

PLANNING TO DISPOSE OF CITY REFUSE

COMMISSIONER WILL MAKE INSPECTION OF INCINERATING PLANTS NOW IN OPERATION IN OTHER CITIES.

City Commissioner Joe M. London will leave tomorrow to inspect incinerating plants of other cities in order to make a thorough report to the mayor and board of commissioners upon his return.

Mr. London stated that Ardmore had outgrown the dump ground stage and if it desired to be ranked as an up to date city, it must adopt up to date methods in every department of city affairs, and that there was nothing that was as badly needed at present as a method of disposing of the garbage now being dumped on the outskirts of the city, where it remained a disease-breeding ground.

Mr. London states that a plant of this time to burn all city refuse would pay its upkeep after having been installed, to say nothing of the sanitary method of disposing of all refuse, the plant could be installed sufficient for the needs of the city for about \$5,000, and he says he is going to ask the people to purchase one if he finds it as practical as it has been recommended to him.

BIG FOOD MANUFACTURERS IN HOUSE LEAGUE SCANDAL

New York, Jan. 4.—Because several of the biggest food manufacturers in the country refused to obey the subpoenas of the deputy attorney general inquiring into the activities of the several organizations incorporated by Mrs. Julian Heath under the title of the Housewives' League, the hearing into what promises to be a sensational case had to be postponed from last week until today. Certain club women of New Jersey are seeking to learn something of the inside workings of the Housewives' League which has become famous throughout the country, but their efforts have been balked because of the inability to induce the big concerns to appear and testify. What the state wants is to see all books, papers and communications with the league and its subsidiaries.

WILL HAVE NEW CLOCK IN COURT HOUSE SOON

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL INSTALL ONE AS SOON AS THE AVAILABLE CASH IS SECURED TO PAY FOR IT.

As soon as the cash is available to pay for a clock in the tower of the court house, one will be installed, according to a statement emanating from the Board of County Commissioners last night. The bell, dials and some other necessary machinery is already in place, and the remainder could be installed with little trouble, if the necessary cash was available. The members of the board are very anxious to have a clock installed, but are averse to going into debt to do so at this time, as there are other and more vital needs of the county.

The clock originally installed never gave satisfaction, and the county commissioners refused to pay for it, with the result that it was removed. Members of the board stated last night that when another was purchased it would be of the old-fashioned kind that never fails, and not one so complicated that it required the services of an electrical engineer to keep it going.

The citizens of the city will hail with delight the installation of a new clock in the court house tower.

SCATTERING OF SPORTS IN OIL FIELDS

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT INVESTIGATION IS GOING TO BEGIN IS ONLY TIP THEY NEEDED TO GET OUT OF COUNTY.

There will no doubt be a scattering of "the profession" in Ragtown and in the oil fields, now that the word has gone forth that Judge Freeman is going to start an investigation into conditions said to exist in that locality, and many knights of the green cloth, and vendors of booze, beer, and casing-head gas, will no doubt fold up their little lay-outs and fade into the dim and hazy distance.

Judge Freeman was to have begun this investigation today, but he is confined to his home with lagrippe, but as soon as he is able to be in his office, things will begin to happen.

Already many well known characters have arrived in this city and departed southward toward the general direction of Mexico, but there is a bunch still out there who no doubt will be placed on the grill as soon as the court can attend to business.

When the BI went on in Ardmore, many well known figures moved to Wirt and the oil field districts and opened up "wide." If a raid was made on one joint today, another would be opened as soon as the officer's back was turned, and under the circumstances it would have taken a battalion of the National Guard to have kept things closed. One old oil operator who has followed the game for nearly half a century and in nearly every known field stated that conditions were better even as they were reported that in most any other new field opened, but even at that they are getting intolerable and are going to be investigated.

The chances are, however, before the officers can grab the ones desired to give testimony they will be far, far away.

ABILENE, TEXAS FIRE

Twenty Thousand Dollars' Damage by Fire at Noon Today.

Abilene, Tex., Jan. 4.—Fire at noon today did twenty thousand dollars' damage here. The opera house building was destroyed.

WILSON BACK IN WASHINGTON CON- FERS WITH STONE AND LANSING

PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY BEGAN INVESTIGATION INTO THE SINKING OF THE PERSIA BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE IN MEDITERRANEAN.

In Absence of Detailed Information on Which to Base His Next Step, President Cancelled Cabinet Meeting to Have Been Held Today, Until Tomorrow—Instructs Lansing to Gather All Information Possible Concerning Sinking of the Persia—Attack Planned in Senate upon Administration's Foreign Policy Postponed Until Tomorrow—Charles Grant of Boston, Survivor of Persia, Arrives in Alexandria, Egypt, Giving Most Detailed Account of the Sinking of the Vessel—Says Most of the Passengers were at Lunch When Steamer Sank, and Many Thought the Torpedo Explosion was Bursting of Vessel's Boiler—Floated on Wreckage for Hours.

MORE TALK OF HARNESSING THE WASHITA

QUESTION OF DAM AND POWER PLANT IS AGAIN COMING BEFORE THE PUBLIC GAZE. NO QUESTION ABOUT VALUE.

A prominent citizen of the city who desires that his name be withheld for the present stated yesterday that he had about lined up a company with ample capital to put over the often talked about Washita power dam northeast of the city, and within a few days would let the public know the details if the deal went through as he anticipated.

The question of harnessing the Washita has been broached in this city for several years, plans for the plant have been made from time to time and a survey of the site made by several different companies. All agree that it would be a paying proposition as enough power could be developed to furnish electricity to the entire southern section of the state and to north Texas cities as well, and contracts are ready to be signed by many of these cities as soon as the plant was ready to furnish the power. Civil engineers who have surveyed the site, are confident that there is not another like it in Oklahoma or Texas and recommend that the plant be built. The gentleman who has had the matter up with his associates for some time, states that he hopes to have actual work begin within a few months, and the plant in operation within the coming year.

MAKES SPEECH AGAINST AN ARMY INCREASE

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN WHO SERVED IN CIVIL WAR, OPPOSES INCREASES, BUT WANTS REDUCTION INSTEAD.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Representative Sherwood, aged 80, a democrat of Ohio, made an anti-preparedness speech in the house today, proposing to reduce the standing army to 50,000. He said he fought forty-two battles in the Civil War and was ready to fight again, if necessary.

McADOO FIGHTS PELLAGRA

Asks for Immediate Appropriation to Combat Menace in South

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Secretary McAdoo asks congress for a rush appropriation of \$100,000 for studies and demonstration work in rural sanitation in the south where pellagra has become a great menace. It will be used also to check typhoid fever.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—President Wilson returned to Washington this morning from his honeymoon and immediately began an investigation into the sinking of the Persia. He conferred with Secretary Lansing and Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee, and in the absence of detailed information on which to base his next step, cancelled the cabinet meeting to have been held today.

Secretary Lansing was instructed to gather all information available on the sinking.

The statement was issued from the White House by Wilson and Secretary Lansing that they were "taking every means to obtain the cold facts and will act as soon as the information is obtained."

It was expected that an attack would be made on the administration's foreign policy in the senate today, but on account of the adjournment after a ten-minute session, the attack was postponed until tomorrow at least.

Grant Tells of Sinking.

Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 4.—Charles Grant of Boston, one of the two known Americans on the Persia, arrived here today giving the most detailed account of the sinking. He said that most of the passengers were lunching when the steamer sank and that many thought the torpedo's explosion was a boiler bursting. There was no panic, he said. The passengers marched to the life boats as in a drill, but as the vessel was listing, it was impossible to launch the star-board boats. The last he saw of the Persia, her bow was in the air for about five minutes after the explosion. He floated on wreckage until four o'clock the next morning, when he was picked up by lifeboats. They proceeded for three hours to the frequent paths of the steamships, and later was picked up by a cruiser, which soon found four other lifeboats.

HELD TO GRAND JURY

Sherman Man Charged With Shooting Doctor, Held to Grand Jury.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 4.—Harper Bennett, charged with shooting Dr. S. L. Hogan, his brother-in-law, Sunday, was bound over to the grand jury under \$2,500 bond.

NEW WHITE HOUSE RULER

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Takes Charge of White House.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took charge of the White House today and began preparing for the Pan-American reception January 7, which opens the social season.

A. J. Armstrong, formerly of Fort Worth, but who now has charge of the Horseshoe Ranch at Roff, Okla., was an Ardmore visitor today. Mr. Armstrong is pasturing some cattle in the stalk fields on the river and has occasion to come here often at this season of the year. In the Horseshoe Ranch there are 25,000 acres, which is a large ranch for Oklahoma now, but which would have been a small one a few years ago. The Horseshoe Ranch has 3,000 acres in cultivation and is cultivated by the latest machinery.